



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

"A Faith Community, One in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

**SUNDAY Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**Rev. Alonzo Q. Cox, Pastor**  
**Rev. Franklin Ezeorah, Parochial Vicar**

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## Our Mission Statement

We, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Martin de Porres, formed from the tri-church unity of Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Victory and St. Peter Claver churches is led by the Spirit and committed to becoming one in Humility, Faith and Love. In community and by the Eucharist, we journey together realizing that our strength is in our commitment to the Church founded by Christ and to the spread of His Word by the actions of our daily lives.

## Sacraments

**Baptism** ~ The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of each month. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment. A baptism preparation class will be held on the second Wednesday or fourth Saturday of each month in the Church. Attendance at this class is required by the parents and godparents of the child to be baptized.

**Confession**~ Saturdays: 4:00pm to 4:45pm, St. Peter Claver. Sundays: Holy Rosary Church, from 8:15am to 8:45am. Or call the rectory for an appointment.

**Marriage**~ Arrangements must be made seven (7) months prior to the wedding date. Please call the rectory office to make an appointment with a priest to discuss your marriage plans.

**RCIA** ~Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or if you have not received all of the sacraments of initiation please contact Fr. Cox, Fr. Franklin Ezeorah to inquire about our ongoing RCIA program.

**Anointing of the Sick**~ Please contact the Rectory Office if you know of any homebound person or anyone going for medical procedures who would like to be anointed by a priest and/or receive the Eucharist.

## Parish Staff

Rev. Mr. Rachid Murad, Permanent Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Leroy Branch, Permanent Deacon  
Ms. Paulitiana St. Hilaire, Secretary  
Mrs. Maria Matos, Bookkeeper  
Ms. Michelle Joseph, Dir. of Religious Edu.  
Mr. Joseph Murray, Co-Dir. of Music  
Ms. Tamika Daniel, Youth Minister  
Mr. Humberto DaCosta, Buildings /Grounds

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 10:00am. - 5:00pm.  
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Evenings & Weekends: By appointment.

## Mass Times

### Holy Rosary Church

139 Chauncey Street / Brooklyn, NY 11233

Sundays: 9am / Tuesdays: 11am



### Our Lady of Victory Church

583 Throop Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216

### Sundays: Masses

7:30am & 10:15am

### Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday

8am - 9am

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: Rosary for Life

*(In St. Anthony's Chapel)*



### St. Peter Claver Church

29 Claver Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11238

### Mass Times

Sat.: 5pm / Sun.: 11:30am

Monday. & Wednesday: 12noon

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 12noon

*Holiday schedule will be announced*

## *From The Pastors Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

We are quickly approaching the end of October! Time just seems to be flying right by. It is my hope and prayer that each of you have been able to begin this Fall season with rejuvenation, most especially as we gear up for a busy yet fruitful upcoming weeks here at the parish. I continue to give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings and graces that he has bestowed upon our parish community. We pray that during these last few days of October, dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we will continue to be heralds of the Good News, promoting God's love and peace throughout our world. Today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians reminds us that all we do is a labor of love. Love should be the underlying reason for all that we do as a community. Love for the church, love for the community, love for God and love for one another.

### **2023 Annual Catholic Appeal**

I thank all of you who have generously contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know our goal for the appeal is \$63,586. We have pledged over \$50,000 thus far! Thank you for your prayers, support and generosity.

### **School of Faith Formation Registration**

New registration and re-registration for our parish school of faith formation has begun. Children who need receiving the Sacraments of Initiation must register their children for faith formation classes. Registration fee is \$55 per child. You may register online via our parish website or pick up a registration form at the parish office. Classes have begun.

### **All Soul's Day Remembrance**

As we approach the month of November, we will remember in a special way all those who have died. There are special All Soul's Mass remembrance envelopes available at each of the three churches. These envelopes will be placed on the altars of each of the three churches throughout the month of November. You may place your envelope with the offering in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the parish office.

### **Parish Feast of St. Martin de Porres and Diaconate Ordination of Tobechukwu Offiah**

As is the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, we will celebrate the feast day of our parish patron, St. Martin de Porres on Sunday, November 5 at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 10:15AM. Please note that there will not be a 9:00AM Mass at Holy Rosary Church and 11:30AM Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. We will have a 5:00PM Vigil Mass on November 4 at St. Peter Claver Church and a 7:30AM Mass on Sunday November 5 at Our Lady of Victory. In addition, we will celebrate the Diaconate ordination of our pastoral year seminarian, Tobechukwu Offiah. Tobe will preach for the first time as a Deacon for the parish Feast Day Mass on November 5. Immediately following the Mass there will be a reception in McGuinness Hall. All are invited to bring a dish to be shared. Please use the sign-up sheets located at the doors of each of the three churches.

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful week,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox





# Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver**

**Vigil Mass:**

Philip Valcin – birthday blessing

*Req. by. family*

**Sunday: Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver**

Frank LaBanca- in memoriam

*Req. by Jean Redmond*

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory**

Linley & Julienne Roberts – Gods grace & blessing

*Req. by Roberts family*

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church**

Catherine Sempter-Shaw- in memoriam

*Req. by Dr. Marina Brown*

**9:00am- Holy Rosary Church**

Ian St. Germaine - birthday blessing

*Req. by St. Germaine family*

**Tuesday – Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 8am OLV**

Fritzlaine Jean – birthday blessing

*Req. by Island Jean.*

**Wednesday – Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 8am OLV**

Asuncion T. Timbol – in memoriam

*Req. by Garbanzos family*

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



# Give the Lord glory and honor

PS 96:1,3,4-5,7-8,9-10

## ALTAR BREAD & Wine:

Msgr. Paul Jervis – in memoriam

## ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

## SANTUARY CANDLE:

Fr. Jerome Nadine – in memoriam

## ALTAR FLOWERS

### *Pray for the Sick*

Marie Alfred, Ricardo Agcauli Melona Barber, Burtel Batson, Zena Benoit, Patricia Browne, Felicia Casimiro, Eugene Charles, Joyce Cochran, Angelina Cooper, Virginia Cox, Cecilia Dear, Olive DeRoach-Carter, James Faison, Khalil Fletcher, Helen Frazier, Patrick Gilbert, Veronica Gersi, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Gleno Holder, Denise Hughes, Ian Kellman, Gwendolyn Knight, Ida Lashley, Paul Martin, Yvonne Merrimon, Jacques Maurice, Leslie McFarlane, Aretha Phillips Christina Randall, Noreen Simonette, Marilyn Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.



### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention (October 2023)**

#### **For the Synod**

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.





Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
Who have never been baptized? Who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion? Who has been baptized in another faith tradition, and desires to become Catholic? Who have questions about becoming Catholic?

**RCIA IS:**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for those who are interested in becoming Catholic, or have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact Dcn. Rachid Murad at [rmurad@smdpp.org](mailto:rmurad@smdpp.org) to inquire about our RCIA program.



**MASS BOOK.** The opportunity to pray in a special way for the repose of the soul of a loved one or other prayerful intention is made available each day with announced Mass offerings. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary or birthday remembrance. The 2023 Mass Book is now open and each offering is \$15.00. Please come to the Parish Office to make special Mass offerings for your loved ones.

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

8:00 AM Monday – Friday at OLV  
12:00 PM Monday & Wednesday at SPC  
11:00 AM Tuesday at HRC  
12:00 PM First Friday at SPC.  
Mass Stipend:  
Intentions: \$15.00  
Bread & Wine: \$25.00 –  
Altar Candles: \$25.00



**Reminder ~ Virtual Rosary prayer line.**

Msgr. Bernard Quinn's cause to sainthood.  
Every Friday –6 pm:  
**Dial-in: - 1-720-650-3030**  
follow the instructions & put in the  
**ID code: 1151888.**

# Religious Education

We are currently accepting registration for new and continuing religious education students. To register, visit us at <https://stmartindeporresparish.org/faith-formation/>. Classes began Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, and continues every **Sundays from 8:45am-10am** in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. For more information, contact Ms. Michelle Joseph at [DRE101260@diobrook.org](mailto:DRE101260@diobrook.org)- We look forward to another year of helping our children grow in faith.



**Parish Ministry**

There are many ministries and groups for children & adults at St. Martin de Porres: **Altar Servers, Lectors, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Choir, Religious Education, Health, Couples Ministries, and much more.** We urge active parishioners, **Find one! Join one.**



**Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith**

Remember Our Parish in Your Will when you next update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to St. Martin de Porres Parish. For more information, please see Fr. Alonzo Cox.



**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy.** Registration is now open for the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy 2023 Academic Year. In addition to students from Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup>



Grade, the Academy is also offering a 3-K program for children turning three this year. For more information, please contact the main office, (718) 778-3700 or visit us [www.sfabrooklyn.org](http://www.sfabrooklyn.org) 400 Lincoln Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11225.



**Couples Group**

St. Martin de Porres Parish couples' ongoing fellowship and spiritual formation among the married and non-married couples in our parish continues every second Thursday, at 7pm in OLV McGuinness.

**2023 Mass Book**

The 2023 Parish Mass Book is open for Mass intentions. You can memorialize or honor someone in a special way. Please note that only one intention per Mass, except for the Sunday 10:15 Mass, which is a multiple intention Mass. An intention is \$15.00. Also available are Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles and Altar Flowers. Please come to the Parish Office to make special Mass offerings for your loved ones.



**SMDPP Food Drive**



We will begin collecting dry goods (*pasta, Rice & more*) and canned foods for our annual Thanksgiving food distribution.

Please place all items in the box provided at each Church site beginning Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Nov.12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call the Parish office, at 718-574-5772.



**From Fr. Bill Smith**

I would like to thank the parishioners who have had or who have scheduled an individual meeting with me. These are the building blocks of organizing; we will need many more and I look forward to them. Although we are not at the stage where we can develop a long-term strategy there are actions in which we can participate. The first will be, appropriately, on Wednesday, Nov. 1 st the “Feast of All Saints” at Gov. Hochul’s New York Office. We will assemble at 10:30AM to present a letter from over 50 New York City clergy at precisely 11:00AM. It is sponsored by Metro IAF, the regional group to which EBC is affiliated as part of our “Public Land for Public Good” initiative. We have good relations with New York Media outlets, and we need a crowd of at least 200 people to be seen not only by the Governor’s staff but in the news release. This is a wonderful opportunity for retired people to show that we are concerned about housing for the next generation. If you can attend, please meet me at 633 3 rd Ave (Corner of 41 st St and 3 rd Ave) at 10:30 AM. If you have any questions, please contact me at 917-373-3876. We are not leaving. We belong. We shall not be moved.



**St. Martin De Porres  
Feast Day Mass**

In celebration of the feast day of St. Martin de Porres there will be **ONE** Parish Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Sunday, November 5th at 10:15am. Deacon Tobbychukwu “Tobe” Offiah will be the homilist at this

Mass. The three churches will **not** have their usual Sunday Masses. There will be a 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, November 4th at St. Peter Claver Church, and a 7:30am Mass at our Lady of Victory Church. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a reception in the McGuinness Hall. We are asking all parishioners to contribute towards the reception. There are signup sheets at the front of the Church for your contribution, or you may call the rectory.



**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm OLV**

For **All Souls Day**, on which we pray for the souls of the departed friends and family, envelopes are available in the entrance of the church. Add your deceased families name on the envelopes with your enclosed offering. **The names will be placed on the altar** where the deceased will be remembered at all Masses during November’s remembrance of the dead.



**Second Collection  
World Mission Sunday**

**Today is World Mission Sunday**, organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies, is the only canonically mandated collection in the Church. This year, the spirit of Pope Francis's theme, "*Hearts on fire, feet on the move,*" resonates with us as we are reminded of the energetic and unwavering faith that fuels our shared mission. Please keep the Pope’s mission in your prayers and be generous with the collection of the Propagation of the Faith.

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

**Mon.** Rom 4:20-25 Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Lk 12:13-21

**Tue.** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Lk 12:35-38

**Wed.** Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Lk 12:39-48

**Thurs.** Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 12:49-53

**Fr. Rom** 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 Lk 12:54-59

**Sat.** Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 6:12-16



**SMDPP Souvenir Shirts**

St. Martin de Porres shirts are available for purchase. Sizes are Small, Medium, Large, X-Large & XXLarge. To place an order, please call the rectory office 718-574-5772.



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2023**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**ACA Campaign Summary**

**Parish Goal: \$63,586 - Pledged - \$54,058**  
**Received: \$44,447.96**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**ALL SAINTS DAY**

7:30pm - OLV.

**All Saints Day**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day. It is Holy Day of Obligation. Mass schedule for that day is as follows: 9am - HRC, 12Noon - SPC, and



**Auto Donation**

The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn will take any car, truck or van, running or not, and donate \$75 to \$200 per vehicle to St. Martin de Porres. Any old or neglected vehicle sitting in your driveway or family member, friend or neighbor's driveway can be disposed of by calling (718) 491-2525. Free towing, any condition. IRS tax deduction.



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2023**  
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If you have already made your pledge  
**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

We are almost at our goal in pledges. We encourage all donors to kindly fulfill their pledges. If you have not - Please support the *2023 Annual Catholic Appeal* during the inpew next weekend. All monies received over goal will now come back to the Parish to use for the many ministries and services provided that add to the vibrancy of our Parish.

*No gift is too small or too large!*

**You Can Scan Here From Your Phone And You Will Be Guided Through The Donation Process!**

**Thank You!**





# ACA 2023 Fall Plan

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**Annual Catholic  
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DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



I would like to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your gift will support the pastoral, charitable, and educational ministries of the Catholic Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

Help our parish meet its 2023 parish Appeal goal today, if you have not already made a tax-deductible donation this year. It is our hope for this Appeal to receive a prayerful gift no matter the amount from every family so that we can reach our goal!

<b>My Pledge Amount</b>	<b>Amount per Week (Approximately)</b>	<b>Daily Sacrifice (Approximately)</b>
\$1,500	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$22</b>
\$1,200	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$18</b>
\$1,000	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$15</b>
\$500	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$8</b>
\$250	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$4</b>
\$100	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>

***On October 21st & 22nd***

*we will ask everyone to consider making a gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal at all of our Masses.*

***Thank you!***

**WAYS TO DONATE:**

- Please scan the above QR
- Complete a Pledge Envelope located at the Church entrance
- Pledge Online at:

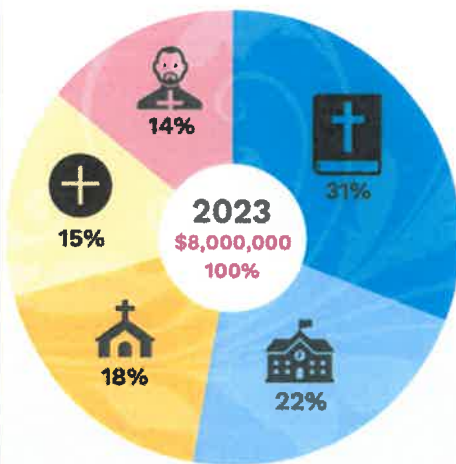
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My Total Pledge Amount is: \$

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Date:

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Amend! We have already made a pledge

Praying! I We are thinking about my/our decision

Please call me/us at

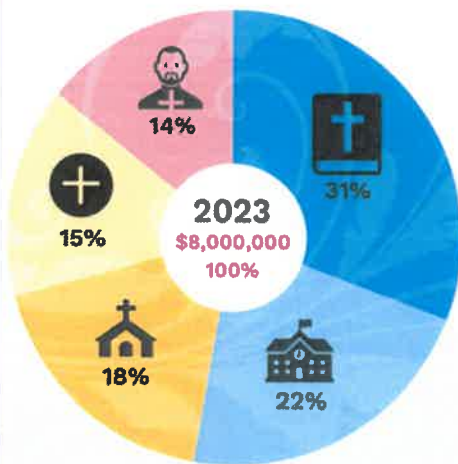




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Name

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